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In re application of: Lin *et al.*  
Serial No. 09/837,797  
Filed: April 17, 2001  
For: **METHODS OF DIAGNOSING AND TREATING SMALL  
INTESTINAL BACTERIAL OVERGROWTH (SIBO) AND  
SIBO-RELATED CONDITIONS**

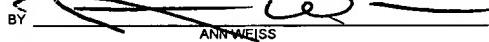
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2002, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before October 16, 2002. In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks concerning election of designated claim group and election of species.